

REMARKS

In full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of August 5, 2004, Applicant submits the following. No amendments to the application are made by this paper.

In the Action of August 5, 2004, the Office made a Restriction Requirement, alleging that a number of independent and distinct inventions are claimed and are represented by the following claim groups.

1. Claims 1-7, 46-49, 53 and 54;
2. Claims 8-17;
3. Claims 18-21;
4. Claims 22-27;
5. Claims 28-34;
6. Claims 35-40;
7. Claims 41-45 and 50-52; and
8. Claims 55-56.

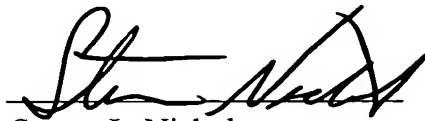
Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-7, 46-49, 53 and 54 for present examination. Accordingly, all non-elected claims are labeled herein as "withdrawn."

Applicant notes that not all the claims in the application are taken into account in this Restriction Requirement. Applicant filed a preliminary amendment with the present application which added claims 57-63. For the examiner's convenience, a copy is attached of both the preliminary amendment and the postcard receipt showing the Office's acknowledgment of the preliminary amendment. Applicant assumes for purposes of this response that claim 57-63 are part of elected Group 1.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a continuation or divisional application to any non-elected claims or subject matter.

Prompt examination of the elected claims is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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